GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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POLIO ERADICATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) has set any deadline for eradication of polio in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which India is likely to achieve the objective by the said deadline;

(d) whether the Indian Government have requested to WHO to extend the deadline; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Health Organisation has set the deadline for global certification forpolio eradication by 2005. This sets a goal for all countries of the world to reach the `zero incidence` of Polio three years prior to 2005 and to maintain the status of zero incidence till 2005.

(c) India is likely to achieve the goal by the deadline.

(d)&(e): No, Sir.